

Joint Staff Pandemic Influenza Planning Summary



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Agenda



- **Policy Overview**
- **Planning Guidance**
- **Combatant Command CONPLANS**
- **Issues**
- **Questions ?**





Pandemic Influenza Policy Guidance



- Homeland Security Council (HSC) Policy Decisions
- *National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza, Nov 05*
- *Department of Health and Human Services, Nov 05*
- *National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza Implementation Plan, May 2006*
 - DOD is responsible for 116 Tasks (Lead Agency for 32 Tasks)
- DOD Policy Guidance
 - ASD(HA) Memo - Guidance for Preparation and Response to an Influenza Pandemic caused by Bird Flu, 21 Sep 05
 - ASD (HA) Policy Letter 06-002, 10 Jan 06
 - ASD(HA)/DOD Pandemic Influenza Preparation and Response Planning Guidance, 25 Jan 06

World Health Organization (WHO) Global Influenza Plan
- Key Reference Document, though not considered “policy”



Pandemic Influenza Planning Guidance



- JCS Influenza Pandemic Planning Guidance, 2 Sep 05
- CJCS Planning Order (PLANORD) 141224Z Nov 05
 - Supersedes 2 Sep 05 memorandum
 - Tasked Geographical Combatant Commands to develop Pandemic Influenza Contingency Plans (CONPLANS)
 - Plans submitted to Joint Staff by 10 Apr 06
 - Plans currently in the JPEC process
- DOD Pandemic Influenza Implementation Framework
 - Designed to meet the HSC requirement for a “DOD Plan”
 - Strategic Document
 - Operational Details found in Combatant Command CONPLANS



Unified Command Plan





COCOM Pandemic Influenza CONPLANS



- **USNORTHCOM CONPLAN 2591**
- **USPACOM CONPLAN 5003**
- **USEUCOM CONPLAN 4690-06**
- **USCENTCOM CONPLAN 1210-06**
- **USSOUTHCOM CONPLAN 6160-06**
- Presently, only Geographical Combatant Commands have Pandemic Influenza CONPLANS
 - Functional Commands (TRANSCOM, SOCOM, JFCOM, STRATCOM) and Services will ultimately have supporting plans



USNORTHCOM CONPLAN 2591



Purpose: Maintain defense of the homeland while limiting the long-term impact of PI on our nation

Key Tasks:

- Save lives and ease human suffering
- Monitor global infections to identify PI before it affects U.S.
- Develop plans and conduct operations that are integrated with USG, State, local and tribal organizations
- Maintain capabilities required to ensure defense of homeland
- Manage spread of a pandemic in Joint Operational Area (JOA)
- Ensure Force Health Protection in USNORTHCOM JOA
- Conduct *Defense Support to Civil Authorities* as directed
- *Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Response* in partner nations

End State: The USG declares the pandemic over, or PI is no longer considered a threat



USPACOM CONPLAN 5003



- USPACOM postures itself, protects its forces and establishes the framework to operate within a regional, multi-national effort, to prepare for and prevent PI
 - More information in Major Breed's Presentation





USEUCOM CONPLAN 4690-06

- USEUCOM ensures health protection for USEUCOM forces, civilian component, family members, DOD Beneficiaries, and contractors while preserving the freedom of action to execute assigned missions
- In coordination with DOS, Host Nation and International Partnerships USEUCOM develops plans and executes operations to respond, limit the spread, mitigate the effects and help recover from AI/PI in its AOR to include containing a potential outbreak of AI/PI from spreading beyond its initial location
- On order, USEUCOM supports DOS efforts to minimize the impact of AI/PI in its AOR.



USCENTCOM CONPLAN 1210-06



- In coordination with domestic and international partners, USCENTCOM will take preventive action to protect US forces from influenza and prepare to support at USG response to an influenza epidemic in theater

Commander's Intent:

- To maintain the operational capability of USCENTCOM forces, and support interagency and international PI response efforts when directed, as mission permits
- End State:
 - Threat of PI eliminated or significantly reduced
 - USCENTCOM is postured to effectively support a USG response in conjunction with the International Partnership
 - USCENTCOM forces are capable of conducting assigned missions in the AOR



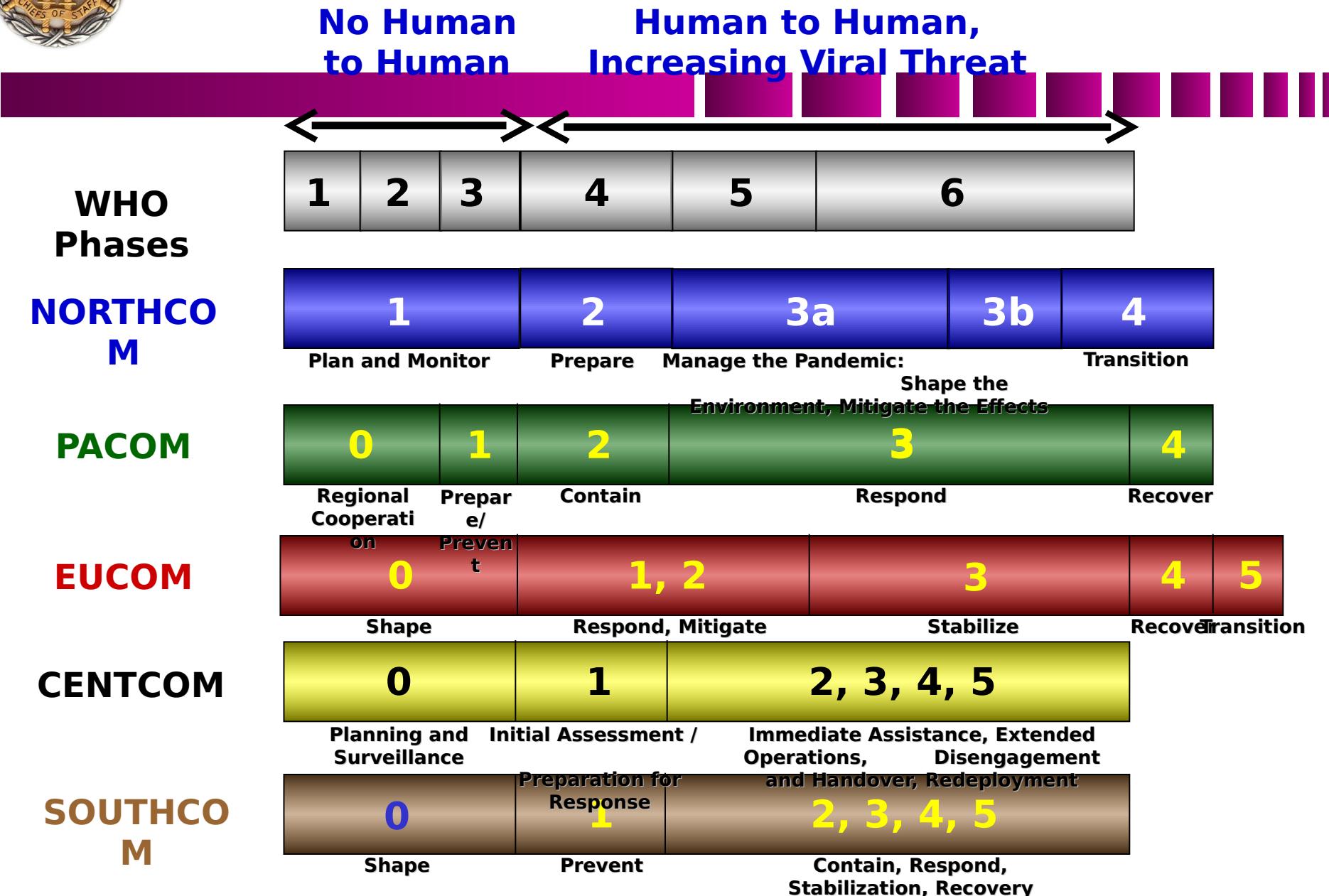
USSOUTHCOM CONPLAN 6160-06



- SOUTHCOM's role in PI response as part of a comprehensive USG approach in which the US Agency for International Development (USAID) is in the lead
- SOUTHCOM will respond rapidly to a USAID request for assistance, subject to SECDEF and US Ambassador approval
- Will normally deploy a Humanitarian Assistance Survey Team (HAST) or the Standing Joint Force Headquarters to the affected area for initial response
- SOUTHCOM has very limited assigned forces and operating locations, and differs in this respect from other Geographical Combatant Commands



Phasing Comparison





Common Themes

- DOD is always in a supporting role to a larger USG response effort
- Other assigned missions must continue to be completed
- Protection of DOD personnel/beneficiaries is a priority
 - No COCOM has sufficient resources to meet requirements
- DOD will likely have to provide transportation and logistical support both CONUS and OCONUS
- Concern about process for obtaining anti-viral medications
- Concern about US citizens living abroad
 - NEO operation likely (civil unrest)
 - “Treat in place” doctrine
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National Prioritization of Missions
Needed



Unique Issues

- CENTCOM engaged in combat operations (OEF/OIF)
 - Will force flow and Supporting COCOM's efforts continue?
- NORTHCOM's relationship with USG partners/Services
 - Roles and responsibilities in domestic response evolving
- EUCOM highly dependent on Host Nations in Europe
 - US citizens required to follow European containment efforts?
- EUCOM's African responsibilities are much different
 - US citizens much more likely to be evacuated
 - Host nations will need significantly more medical support
- SOUTHCOM has very few assigned forces and bases
 - Highly dependent on overall USG/DOS/USAID response efforts
- USPACOM has vast transportation distances
- USPACOM has a mix of domestic (Alaska/Hawaii) and Host-Nation relationships



Questions ?

